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In re Patent Application of

SAITO et al

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Examiner: T. Nguyen

Date: May 25, 2006

Filed: Title:

EXHAUST GAS CLEANING SYSTEM HAVING PARTICULATE FILTER

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

minus highest number Total effective claims after amendment 15

x \$50.00 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) = \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

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\$360.00 (1203)/\$180.00 (2203) \$

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Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith

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Responsive to the Official Action dated March 31, 2006, kindly enter the following remarks.